

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

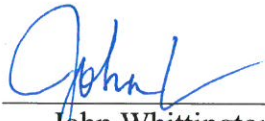
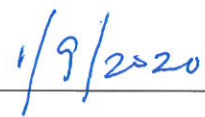
The Denali Commission has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by Bristol Engineering Services Corporation, for the Shaktoolik Engineering Soft Erosion Protection Berm Project located in Shaktoolik, Alaska. The proposed project will consist of building up and extending the existing storm surge berm between the beach and the community. The berm will be approximately 7,400 linear feet, or 1.4 miles in length (see Figures within the EA). A taller berm will help defend and prepare the community future storm events that continuously threaten the community. Funding for construction of the proposed project will be through the Denali Commission and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Based upon our review of the Environmental Assessment, I have determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, approval of the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement as cited under Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969-42 USC 4324 (2), as amended.

This determination is supported by the following findings:

1. This action would have no significant adverse effects on public health or safety. (See pages 16 through 17 of the Other Values section of the EA.)
2. This action would have no adverse effect on unique geographical features such as wetlands, wild & scenic rivers, refuges, floodplains, rivers, placed on nationwide river inventory, or prime or unique farmlands. (See pages 13 through 18 of the Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Action section of the EA.)
3. This action would have no highly controversial environmental effects. (See pages 13 through 18, the Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Action section of the EA.)
4. This action would have no highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk. (See pages 16 through 17 of the Other Values section of the EA.)
5. This action will not establish a precedent for future actions. (See page 1 of the Purpose and Need section of the EA.)
6. This action is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. (See page 18 of the Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Action section of the EA.)
7. This action will not affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. (See page 15 of the Cultural, Historic, and Religious Properties section of the EA.)
8. This action will not affect a species listed or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened. (See pages 14 and 15 of the Fish, Wildlife, Plants section of the EA.)
9. This action does not threaten to violate federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment. (See pages 13 through 18 of the Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Action section of the EA.)
10. This action will have no disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. (See page 16 of the Environmental Justice section of the EA.)

11. This action will not limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on federal lands, by Indian religious practitioners, and/or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sites. (See page 15 of the Religious Freedom section of the EA.)
12. This action will not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 
John Whittington
Denali Commission